

VISITATION PARISH  
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 27, 2024



*During the month of November, we remember our loved ones who have gone before us. One of the ways we commemorate our beloved dead is through pictures displayed on the catafalque in church. If you wish, bring a picture of your loved one. Please join the pastoral care team and the choir this Saturday, November 2 at 6:00 pm in prayer and song to remember those from our community who have died this last year. Pictures may remain up until the end of November.*

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



## WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

### ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation, is Friday, November 1. Masses are at 6:45 and 8:15 am and 12:00 Noon.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Please welcome our new parishioners:

- Allison Papin & Harlan Sanders
- Henry Hilliard & Annabelle Rixson
- Andrew Heaton
- Laura & Derek Pon, daughter Blakely
- Renee Schloss, children Delaney, Simon, Britton, & Lennon

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY CARES PROJECT!

PLEASE SEE BACK PAGE OF THIS BULLETIN.

### FUNERAL MEAL TEAM THANK YOU

On behalf of the parish community, we thank the Women of Vis Funeral Meal Team #4: Captains Linda Dro and Lois Roszak, and their team: Kara Bemboom-Grefrath, Becky Bennett, Virginia Coppinger, Terri Cotton, Dianne Criswell-Bray, Suzette Cutcliff, Anne Dillon, Nicole Dingley, Mary Harte, Gloria Lipari, Trish Mayer, Mary Mullins, Bev Niehus, Nancy O'Neill, Mary Otto, Becky Selzer, Marny Sherman, Cindy Spaeth, Lisa Waters and Olga Wittman.

### CONFIRMATION ATTENTION 10TH GRADERS:



Come start the Confirmation process by joining us for pizza and games on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 AT 7:00 PM IN TIGHE HALL!**

The deadline to register your 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader (who does not attend a Catholic grade school) is November 1.

Any questions? Call me at 816-753-5155 x1309.  
-Jenny Greene

### WEDDINGS

The parish extends prayers and congratulations to Casey Easley and Kevin Keller, who were married August 31; Ellie Amighi and Nicholas Nachbor, who were married September 14 and Katherine King and Patrick Brouse, who were married on October 19.

### OUR SYMPATHY

Our parish extends sympathy to David Eckels and Sarah McCoy on the death of their father, John Eckels. We also mourn the death of Fr. Michael Walker.

### REMEMBER OUR SICK

Earl Adam	Bryan Larson
Pamela Atherton	Jeanne Lendabarker
Bill Blanck, Sr.	Scott Martens
Leslie Burke	Tim McNamara
Marianne Carl	Tricia Melland
Mary Beth Cicchetti	Jen O'Neill
Kay Dierks	Peggy Pruitt
Michele Desnoes	Ellie Rose
Laura Fitzpatrick	Kathy Scaglia
Bill Fuss	Gary Schafer
Brooke Kuechler Harris	Barbara Schulte
Margaret Howard	Aimee Sesler
Joe Irwin	Sandra Sharp
William Jewell	Special Intention
Erin Kallman	Salvador Valldeperas, Sr.
Peg Kallman	Dave Wittrock

### SICK LIST UPDATE

Contact Jenny Greene to request an individual be added to our list. We ask that you leave a contact name and number. We will follow up with each request quarterly to keep the list current and to offer additional support as needed.

### MILITARY

The parish community continues to pray for parish members and their families who are serving in the armed services: Lieutenant Colonel Cade Keenan, Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti; Major Philip Martin, Fort Leavenworth, KS; Major Chris Oppenlander, Hill Air Force Base, UT; Major Gisselle Oppenlander, Hill Air Force Base, UT; Master Sergeant Louis A. Perez, Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL.

### FUNERAL MEAL TEAMS

**On Deck:** Team # 2 (Lolli/Erwin)  
**On Alert:** Team # 3 (Franke/Burns/Thompson)

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Parishioners,

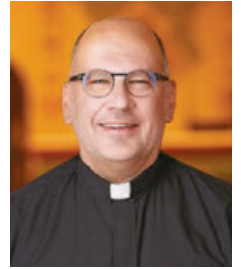
Every fall, the diocese conducts the Annual Catholic Appeal, inviting us to support diocesan ministries by our sacrificial giving. Traditionally, each household in the diocese is asked to pledge 1% of gross income to this appeal so as to help fund the diocesan offices who support us. The Catholic Schools Office, Human Resources, Office of Child and Youth Protection, New Construction and others have all assisted Visitation over the past year, and we are grateful for the support.

Each parish has a goal set by the diocese to assist in realizing the larger goal. Visitation's goal is \$157,200, which is actually an increase over last year's goal. We have not come close to our goal in recent years (not even halfway to it), so I ask you to consider a gift this year. Unfortunately, parishes who fall short of their goals are penalized, while parishes who exceed their goals receive back 50% of any amount over and above the goal.

I hope you'll be able to make a gift to the diocesan annual appeal and assist the work of our diocesan offices.

Peace,

Fr. Greg



## VISITATION REFUGEE ASSISTANCE

### NEWS FROM THE VISITATION REFUGEE ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

We welcome the Contreras family!

On Friday, October 18, we welcomed the Contreras family, who arrived from Honduras. The parents are Miguel and Karla; they have four children, sons Miguel (9) and Moises (3), and daughters Camila (6) and Arlet (20 months).

Della Lamb has provided a home for them in KCMO. The weekend before they arrived, volunteers cleaned and organized the home with the household items and furniture donated by the Visitation Community. Food was delivered to stock their pantry and refrigerator.

We will work with Della to co-sponsor the Contreras family for six months. The family's needs will be assessed weekly and volunteers will provide transportation to their medical appointments, trips to the grocery store, etc.

Thanks to the generosity of the Visitation Community, everything needed was received. We thank everyone who donated and prayed for the family. Please check future bulletins for more news, and again, thank you for your help in this important mission.



**MASS INTENTIONS  
OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 3**

**Tuesday, October 29**  
6:45 am Bob Cotton †  
8:15 am Bill Benson †

**Wednesday, October 30**  
6:45 am Marguerite Harris †  
8:15 am Mark Lovelady †

**Thursday, October 31**  
6:45 am Florence Farley †

**Friday, November 1**  
6:45 am Peggy Dechant †  
8:15 am People of Visitation  
12:00 Noon William (Bill) Benson †

**Saturday, November 2**  
8:15am Santa Maria Madre de los Pobres  
4:00 pm People of Visitation

**Sunday, Nov 3**  
8:00 am Michael McIntosh †  
10:30 am John & Helen Koval †

<b>MINISTRY SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2-3</b>			
	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
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Priest in Residence, Fr. Charles Rowe

**BULLETIN DEADLINE Noon Monday**

**SACRAMENTS**  
Anointing of the Sick by appointment  
Fr. Greg and Jennifer Greene

Eucharist to Homebound and Hospital, Jennifer Greene

Sacrament of Matrimony, Contact Jennifer Greene to begin marriage preparation.

Sacrament of Confirmation, Youth Jennifer Greene

Sacrament of Infant Baptism, Adult Confirmation and Sacraments of Initiation, *For those who wish to become Catholic.* Teresa Albright

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## RACIAL JUSTICE



### IN KEEPING WITH THE MISSION OF THIS PARISH COMMITTEE, THE VIS RJC SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING OPPORTUNITIES:

1. A one night book discussion of *First Ladies* by Benedict & Murray. The book is historical fiction, focused on the friendship between Eleanor Roosevelt and Mary McCloud Bethune. Karen Miller and Mary Ellen DeCoursey will lead the discussion on Wednesday, November 13, 7:00 pm in Tighe Hall.
2. **Independence Boulevard Christian Church** in the Historic Northeast is hosting a **Racial Justice Summit** on November 2 from 1:00 - 6:00 pm. Vis RJC co-chairs Linda Hughes and Peg Ekerdt will attend the summit. All are welcome and if you are interested, please register using the link <https://www.ibcckc.org/racialjusticesummit>.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### KNIGHTS NOTES - Upcoming Events



#### Pancake Breakfasts at Visitation:

- November 17, (Our Lady's Montessori School)
- December 8 (Children's Place)
- January 26 (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution - SOAP)
- February 23 (Little Sisters of the Poor)

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization open to Catholic men of the parish. We sponsor and conduct a variety of activities throughout the year

including Lenten Fish Fries and Pancake Breakfasts to support numerous causes including Vocations and Seminarians, Fire Foundation, Cristo Rey Internships, Winter Coat Drive, and our Sister Parish in El Salvador, to name a few. We also provide manpower for the annual Parish Fiesta and other parish events. The Knights also engage in various social events such as Royals Nights outings, Chili Contests and Craft Beer brewing. If you are interested in joining the Knights, please contact either Bob Steinert (Grand Knight) 816-729-2748 or Mark Blanck (Membership Director) 816-419-7171.

## PASTORAL CARE

### FAITH & GRIEF LUNCH - Tuesday, November 5 from 12:00 - 1:00 PM at Village Presbyterian

Speaker: Joe Walker

#### Coping with Grief during the Holidays



How will you approach the holidays this year, as they simultaneously bear joyous memories and heart-rending grief? What will you embrace or avoid? We have an all-new presentation featuring wisdom, empathy and encouragement collected from interviews with those who are grieving recent losses or those from a generation long past.

Lunch presentations and facilitated table conversations provide a safe place to listen, remember and pray together. You may share (or not) as you are comfortable.

- All are welcome. No charge.
- Complimentary box lunch provided for those who pre-register (free-will offerings appreciated)
- Sponsored by a collaboration of local churches. Hosted by Village Presbyterian, 6641 Mission Rd.



Learn More & Register

- [faithandgrief.org/events](https://faithandgrief.org/events)
- 469-616-1795
- [facebook.com/FaithandGriefKC](https://facebook.com/FaithandGriefKC)

## RESPECT LIFE

Resources supporting Bishop Johnston's recommended steps to preparing for the election on November 5.

"The fundamental human right, the presupposition of every other right, is the right to life itself."

*(Pope Benedict XVI)*

### PRAY

1

"We need to practice the art of listening, which is more than simply hearing. Listening, in communication, is an openness of heart which makes possible that closeness without which genuine spiritual encounter cannot occur. Listening helps us to find the right gesture and word which shows that we are more than simply bystanders." (171)

[Electorate Novena](#) [CLICK HERE](#)

[Faithful Citizenship Novena](#) [CLICK HERE](#)

PRAYER VIGIL TO PRAY FOR THE END OF ABORTION  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 AT 6:00 PM.

### VOTE

2

"Over the pope as the expression of the binding claim of ecclesiastical authority there still stands one's own conscience, which must be obeyed before all else, if necessary even against the requirement of ecclesiastical authority. Conscience confronts [the individual] with a supreme and ultimate tribunal, and one which in the last resort is beyond the claim of external social groups, even of the official church." (*Rev. Joseph Ratzinger, later Pope Benedict XVI, commenting on "Gaudium et Spes," 1968*)

See paragraphs [#2258](#) and [#2270](#) from the Catechism regarding human dignity and the right to life.

[Read the FULL TEXT of Amendment 3 HERE](#)

### SAFEGUARD THEM BOTH

3

VISIT [hopeafterabortion.org](http://hopeafterabortion.org)—If you have lost a child to abortion, come for mercy and healing.

SHARE your maternal experience by mentoring a young mother through Gabriel Project at [gabrielprojectkc.org](http://gabrielprojectkc.org)

GIVE your time, talent and treasure to a pregnancy resource center. Find one near you at [lifeandjusticekcsj.org](http://lifeandjusticekcsj.org)

SUPPORT Catholic Charities' Mom's Empowerment Program. Learn more at [catholiccharities-kcsj.org](http://catholiccharities-kcsj.org).

# WOMEN OF VISITATION

All women of our parish are  
**Women of Visitation**

WOV Ministry Team Mission Statement:

To provide all generations of Visitation women with the opportunity for SERVICE, FELLOWSHIP, and SPIRITUAL GROWTH within the Visitation community and to enhance and support other Visitation Community Outreach Ministries.

Women of Visitation activities:

- Santa Painting
- Reindeer Games
- Seasons of Joy gifts
- Rosary Making
- Feast of the Visitation celebration
- Funeral Meal Teams
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Blood Drive

The Women of Vis ministry team coordinates these activities which are funded through activity fees and contributions to our General Fund.

The Women of Vis Giving Fund provides anonymous financial assistance to members of our parish community who are experiencing a time of need.

**Want to get involved, stay informed or support WOVS activities?**

Click the QR code  
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<https://tinyurl.com/wofv24>

Donations may also be made  
via check made payable to Women of  
Visitation and sent to the parish office.



## FAITH FORMATION

# FALL BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS

Begins November 6, 2024

Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 11, 18

Wednesdays

10:00 a.m.—12noon

Tighe Hall, Faith Formation Room

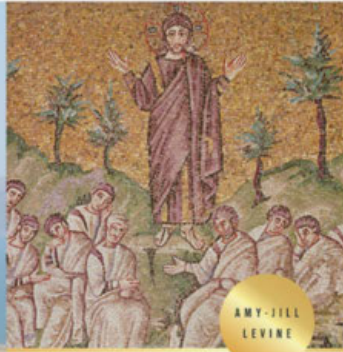
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## ALL SOULS CONCERT

The Visitation Choir presents

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Sunday, November 10 6:00 pm

Visitation Church

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# SHAMROCK SNAPSHOT

IN SERVICE OF OTHERS...

At Visitation School, our mission is clear: "Visitation School forms strong, compassionate followers of Christ through rigorous academics rooted in Catholic values, to serve and lead others." Service is a vital pillar of our community, and our dedicated parent volunteer stewardship liaisons organize stewardship projects for each grade level. Recently, our Kindergarten students embraced this mission by learning about the "Lead to Read" organization. They participated in a book collection, generously donating lightly used or new books to support this wonderful cause. We are proud of our young learners for their commitment to service!

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## CULTURAL ARTS AND FIELD TRIPS

Our cultural arts and field trips enhance the curriculum of our Vis students, providing valuable experiences beyond the classroom. Recently, several grades enjoyed fantastic excursions! Kindergarteners explored Faulkners Ranch Pumpkin Patch, while first graders visited the KC Public Library – Plaza Branch to learn about library operations, listen to stories, and engage in a fun activity. Third graders had the opportunity to attend the Alice (in Wonderland) ballet at the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts. We're grateful for the support, and funds raised by the PTO, that makes these enriching experiences possible!



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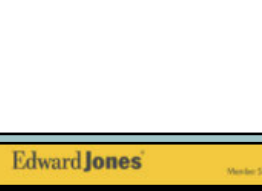
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### COMMUNITY CARES PROJECT 2024

When: Saturday, November 2

Time: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Who: All skill levels are welcome.

What: A service day by parishioners for parishioners.



Volunteers will rake leaves, trim shrubs, write positive messages on the sidewalks in front of the homes and show love and gratitude for our parishioners who may be elderly, dealing with health issues or who have just gone through a life change. We are a community and this day reminds us that we are closely knit to one another. To nominate someone you love or to come and volunteer with us, please contact Greg Fowler at 816-718-5539 or [gfwler11057@gmail.com](mailto:gfwler11057@gmail.com) or Jeff Mohajir at 913-219-8076 or [jmohajir@mohajir.com](mailto:jmohajir@mohajir.com). We need your help to make the day a great success!

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